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TOPIC Dabern-Gahro Firing Range

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Between 28 April and 23 May 1955, the following training in firing was observed at Dabern-Gahro firing range:

28 April to 3 May. There was no air activity in spite of good visibility and clear weather on several days.

4 May. There was an 8/10 overcast, visibility of about 7 km, and a medium southwesterly wind. Between 1235 and 1600, the field was approached by MiG-15s. At 1600, training was stopped when rain set in.

5 May. There was no air activity.

6 May. The weather was 7/10 overcast with a medium southwesterly wind and improved to 15 percent overcast, slight wind, and visibility of about 7 km in the afternoon. Between 0722 and 1302, the following air activity was observed:

Time	Number of	Air Activity
		MiG-15s
0722 to 0738	2	8 approaches each from an altitude of 1,200 meters, firing
0808 to 0834	1	8 approaches each from an altitude of 2,500 meters, without firing
0816 to 0841	1	8 approaches each from an altitude of 2,500 meters, without firing
0912 to 0932	1	5 approaches each, giving three rounds of firing each
		3 approaches each, without firing
0918 to 0936	1	2 approaches each, giving three rounds of firing
		6 approaches each, without firing
0925 to 0942	1	5 approaches each, giving three rounds of firing
		3 approaches each, without firing
0943 to 0951	1	3 approaches each, giving three rounds of firing
		1 approach, without firing
1123 to 1134	1	6 approaches, without firing
1211 to 1232	1	2 approaches, giving three rounds of firing
		3 approaches, giving 1 round of firing each
		2 approaches, without firing
1213 to 1234	1	5 approaches, giving three rounds of firing each
		2 approaches, giving one round of firing each
		1 approach, without firing
1232 to 1250	3	1. 6 approaches, with firing, and two without firing
		2. 3 approaches, with firing, five without firing
		3. 5 approaches, with firing, three without firing
1250 to 1302	1	4 approaches, giving 3 rounds of firing each
		1 approach, without firing

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7 to 9 May. No air activity was observed.

10 May. There was a 9/10 overcast, medium southwesterly wind, and visibility of about 7 km. Between 1219 and 1622, air activity was observed and was stopped when a thunderstorm set in.

The following air activity was observed between 1219 and 1622:

Time	Number of MiG-15s	Air Activity
1219 to 1235	3	8 approaches each from an altitude of 1,200 meters
1320 to 1345	2	8 approaches each from an altitude of 2,500 meters
1353 to 1405	2	4 approaches each from an altitude of 2,500 meters
1419 to 1435	1	6 approaches from an altitude of 1,200 meters, including 5 approaches, giving 3 rounds of firing 1 approach, without firing
1538 to 1550	1	4 approaches from an altitude of 2,500 meters
1540 to 1606	2	8 approaches from an altitude of 2,500 meters
1610 to 1620	1	5 approaches from an altitude of 2,500 meters
1617 to 1622	1	2 approaches from an altitude of 2,500 meters

The approaches from an altitude of 1,200 lasted for about 15 seconds and the approaches from an altitude of 2,500 meters for 25 to 26 seconds.

11 May. There was 8/10 overcast, medium southwesterly wind, visibility of about 7 km, and occasionally showers in the afternoon. Air activity was observed between 0800 and 1230. Approaches were made from an altitude of 2,500 meters as usual.

12 to 23 May. Air activity was only observed on two days. The weather was rainy and stormy.

Comment. According to previous information, pilots of the ground-attack regiments at Finsterwalde were retrained on MiG-15s at Dabern-Gahro firing range.

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